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Import Alert: USDA Import Permit Requirements for VS Regulated Animals from Canada entering Alaska via Land Border Ports

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Effective May 1, 2018, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Veterinary Services (VS) will require USDA import permits for all live animal shipments via a land border port between Canada and Alaska. Our regulations allow the entry of certain types of live animals from Canada without a USDA import permit if the entry is made at a designated land border port as listed in 9CFR Part 93. However, there are no designated land border ports on the Canadian/United States border to Alaska. Therefore we are requiring all APHIS VS regulated live animal imports from Canada to Alaska to have a USDA import permit issued prior to entry into Alaska in order to facilitate process of inspections. This will include all bovine, swine, farmed cervids, ovine, caprine, domestic camelids, poultry and hatching eggs, ratites and hatching eggs, pet birds, germplasm and permanent entry horses.

Canadian horses may enter the US temporarily without a USDA import permit, but must exit the US by the 30th day post inspection as listed on the health certificate (HA 1964).

Please note this is not a regulation change. Our current regulations will be enforced. Live animals requiring an inspection that present at a non-designated U.S. Land Border Port without a USDA import permit will not be eligible for entry.

The USDA import permit application (VS 17-129) can be submitted via the following email address(s): VS.Live.Animals.Import.Permits@aphis.usda.gov or by following the procedures to submit an application online: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/permits/ct_eauth_epermits

This alert does not affect those subgroups already requiring a USDA import permit for entry such as VS regulated fish, exotic or zoo animals and animals in transit to a third country.

Contact information for the USDA APHIS VS Northern Border Port Services can be found at the following website: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/downloads/nies_contacts/aic-ps.pdf or email vs.nbp@aphis.usda.gov.

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